



GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship Fact Sheet Academic Year 2015-16



Description

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federal program designed to provide early intervention services and programs to students in middle school and high school. The mission of GEAR UP is to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. “**GEAR UP Michigan: Reaching the Urban Centers**” targets three urban public school systems: Detroit, Flint, and Muskegon. Students who participated in these cohort groups may be eligible for a GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship.

Application

Each participating GEAR UP Michigan cohort group provided a rank order list of nominees from the classes of 2007 through 2011 who participated in the program. Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) awarded scholarships to the highest ranked nominees based on the scholarship funds available. **The student is responsible for notifying SSG of a change of address or college choice.**

Program Limits

Students may receive scholarship assistance for up to four academic years within five years of high school graduation. The maximum amount a student can receive for one year is equal to the maximum Pell Grant award funded for the academic year immediately following the student's date of high school graduation. GEAR UP funds may be used for educational cost, including Estimated Family Contribution (EFC); not to exceed the cost of attendance. Future awards are subject to available and approved funds.

Eligibility

General eligibility requirements include:

- Successful completion of the GEAR UP Michigan! six-year program.
- Possession of a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Enrollment at a postsecondary institution prior to age 22.
- Demonstration of financial need by being eligible for a Pell Grant for the first year of the award. (**Non-Pell eligible students may be awarded if funds are available.*)
- Enrolling at least half time at an approved Michigan college or university.
- Be a Michigan resident prior to enrolling in college.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Not be incarcerated.

Renewal Eligibility

Student continuing in the GEAR UP program need not be Pell eligible, but must:

- Meet institutions' satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy.
- Enroll at least half-time.
- Must not be in default on Federal/State student loan.

Order of Scholarships Awarded to Students

The Federal Pell Grant must be awarded first; other public and private grants, scholarships or tuition discounts second; the GEAR UP Michigan Scholarship third; and then other financial assistance. For example: Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is restricted to tuition and mandatory fees only, whereas GEAR UP Michigan funds can be used to cover any educational expenses.

For More Information

Visit www.michigan.gov/ssg. Contact the GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship program, **Student Scholarships and Grants**, toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687), e-mail ssg@michigan.gov, or fax at (517)-241-5835.



GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship

Scholarships may be used at a Michigan degree-granting public or independent college, including Focus: HOPE, approved by the Michigan State Board of Education, eligible for listing in the publication entitled, "Directory of Michigan Institutions of Higher Education" and a participant in federal student aid programs.

Participating Institutions

Adrian College
 Albion College
 Alma College
 Alpena Community College
 Andrews University
 Aquinas College
 Art Institute of Michigan
 Baker College
 Bay de Noc Community College
 Bay Mills Community College
 Calvin College
 Central Michigan University
 Cleary University
 College for Creative Studies
 Compass College of Cinematic Arts
 Concordia University
 Cornerstone University
 Davenport University
 Delta College
 Eastern Michigan University
 Ferris State University
 Finlandia University
 Focus: HOPE
 Glen Oaks Community College
 Gogebic Community College
 Grace Bible College
 Grand Rapids Community College
 Grand Valley State University
 Great Lakes Christian College
 Henry Ford College
 Hope College
 ITT Technical Institute,
 (Grand Rapids and Troy)
 Jackson College
 Kalamazoo College
 Kalamazoo Valley Community College
 Kellogg Community College
 Kettering University
 Kirtland Community College
 Kuyper College
 Lake Michigan College
 Lake Superior State University

Lansing Community College
 Lawrence Technological University
 Macomb Community College
 Madonna University
 Marygrove College
 Michigan Jewish Institute
 Michigan State University
 Michigan Technological University
 Mid Michigan Community College
 Monroe County Community College
 Montcalm Community College
 Mott Community College
 Muskegon Community College
 North Central Michigan College
 Northern Michigan University
 Northwestern Michigan College
 Northwood University
 Oakland Community College
 Oakland University
 Olivet College
 Robert B. Miller College
 Rochester College
 Sacred Heart Major Seminary
 Saginaw Valley State University
 Schoolcraft College
 Siena Heights University
 Southwestern Michigan College
 Spring Arbor University
 St. Clair County Community College
 University of Detroit Mercy
 University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
 University of Michigan – Dearborn
 University of Michigan – Flint
 University of Phoenix – Detroit
 Walsh College
 Washtenaw Community College
 Wayne County Community College
 Wayne State University
 West Shore Community College
 Western Michigan University

Tribal Institutions:

- Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College